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Subject: Blacktail Creek Spill

Steven,

Good evening. The following is today's operations for 31 JAN 2015:

Oil recovery ops: No skimming today. 2 gravel trucks that made 3 rounds each (total of 6 truckloads, as of 5:00 pm) were brought in to collect ice from the shoreline at both the initial recovery spot and downstream. Trucks were dumping ice off at Secure, a hazwaste disposal spot, in town. No visible sheen noticed today since the creek was still frozen over while the already existing ice on the shoreline was being removed from the site.

Trench ops: A total of 700 bbls of groundwater was pumped since yesterday. The 2nd trench went in today. At the first trench, the southern most pipe still has some groundwater, but the other pipe is dry. The 2nd trench did not need any shore wall when installing the pipe because the ground soil was dry. The frac tanks are pumped out routinely so there is no freezing. Trench ops will be manned 24 hrs.

Other ops: Plank boards were laid out in the entire oil recovery area enabling the trucks hauling ice to easily move in and out (as well as the rest of us).

Met with Sandi Washek of NDDOH around 4:30 today. Provided her with today's ops brief prior to Gary Cameron giving her tour of site. Told her of your concerns about possible oil in groundwater and she agreed to grab a sample with her state partner tomorrow morning from the trench pipe. Gary did state that the tanks may not have been entirely clean from prior use and could have been residual oil, hence the need to sample from trench pipe. On our rounds today, Eddie and myself did NOT observe any sheen or globules in either tank. We checked the tanks at 3 different intervals.

Respectfully,
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